The House then adjourned at twenty-nine minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

World Bank's assessment of projects under DPIP in Madhya Pradesh

†*442. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the World Bank has inspected and assessed the ongoing projects to uplift the standard of living of the villagers of backward districts of Madhya Pradesh under District Poverty Initiatives Programme (DPIP) and World Bank has appreciated the success of the projects;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering to seek more assistance from the World Bank for extending the projects in Madhya Pradesh and in other states; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Government has noted the assessment of the World Bank that Madhya Pradesh District Poverty Initiatives Project (MP-DPIP) is moving in the right direction of achieving the development objectives. However, this project's utilization of the World Bank assistance needs to be accelerated by the State Government as only 40.6% of the credit has been utilised till March, 2005.

(c) and (d) In the Country Strategy for India (CAS) of the World Bank for the period 2005-08, six Rural Livelihood projects have been identified, covering the states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. One State is yet to be identified.

Guidelines on use of Helicopters by civilians/VVIPS

*443. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.